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CALTRANS ANNOUNCES PLANS TO PLANT TREES ALONG HIGHWAY 1/101

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – A project to plant trees along Hwy. 1 and 101 is now underway in San Luis Obispo County. These new trees will be planted in multiple locations between Arroyo Grande and Avila Beach Drive and between Marsh Street and Reservoir Canyon Road in San Luis Obispo. Trees will also be planted along Hwy. 101 at Los Berros Road and on Hwy. 1 near Chorro Creek across from Camp San Luis.

The trees and shrubs to be planted are all California natives. They include Coast Live Oak, Monterey Cypress, California Ironwood, California Sycamore, Western Rosebud, Toyon and Pacific Wax Murtle. This project will replace some of the diseased Eucalyptus trees that were removed earlier this year. This planting will also restore scenic quality to the area.

Work will take place Monday through Thursday from 6:30 am to 5 pm. There is the possibility of occasional work on Fridays. The project should be completed by the spring of 2007. The contractor for this \$550,000 project is Pacific Restoration Group of Corona, California. Motorists should encounter no delays during this project.

For traffic updates on other state highways in San Luis Obispo County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or can visit the District 5 website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upslo.htm

